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November 23, 1925.

PARAGRAPHS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Reviewing the year 1924-25 as a whole, one cannot help feeling that it has been a most satisfactory year in the life and development of our educational and missionary project. While giving full credit to human agencies that entered into the achievement of these successes, so much belongs to the goodness of God working for us by His Spirit and Providence, transcending all human effort, that one's gratitude for the year's record is supremely directed toward Him. In the last analysis, the creditable financial record of the year, the preservation or restoration of physical health in our staff or their families, the freedom of action we have enjoyed by virtue of a friendly attitude of the Egyptian public and government, these and many other elements of success are due to a divine favor and leadership of which we often feel unworthy but which is now, as it has been since the beginning of our enterprise, our only sure hope for success in the face of obstacles that are humanly speaking insurmountable.

Scholarship Emphasis

Emphasis during the past year was laid upon scholarship. Earlier years unavoidably required preoccupation with a multitude of matters pertaining to the initial set-up of an institution, such as getting a teaching staff, gaining any sort of student constituency, adapting our property and buildings to our physical needs and winning some place in the eyes of the Egyptian public. With many of these initial problems at least measurably solved, it was possible to give special attention to scholarship.

Scholarships to be Awarded

In line with the consent of the Trustees, ten Trustee scholarships are to be offered for the next few years. It was discovered that to make a real appeal, a free scholarship would need to be available for two years at least. The ten scholarships were therefore changed to five, to be offered each year for two consecutive years. They are offered to five schools with a view to establishing relations between the University and these schools. The schools selected are: the Old Cairo Church Missionary Society School, the American Mission Esbekiah School, the Egypt General Mission School at Ismailieh, one American Mission School in the Delta and one Coptic School, if the latter can be arranged.

Christian Influence

I find four grounds for reassurance with reference to the Christian influences of the College. First, there is the steady instruction in Christian truth which all receive in the Bible and Ethics courses and in the daily Assembly, and which some receive in still greater measure in the Sunday services of the hostel. Where so much **goes in**, something is bound to **come out**, whether we can trace it or not. This religious instruction is far from perfunctory. Again and again, these classes are the scene of most active and animated discussion. A second ground for satisfaction appears this year in that the College is sending up for the first time one of its choice graduates to the American Mission Theological Seminary. It is to be recognized that the University is not primarily a training school for men going into the ministry. Its preponderating enrolment of Moslems makes it preeminently an agency through which to approach the Moslem and non-Christian population. It does not have any considerable enrolment of Protestant students. It is doubly gratifying therefore and a favorable commentary on the Christian atmosphere of the institution, that out of the limited enrolment of Protestant Christians one is now found

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going into the Christian ministry. A third ground for satisfaction this past year is connected with a case of discipline on the part of one of the athletic teams. The team itself through its athletic organization passed judgment in the severest terms upon the offending members. This action, taken on their own initiative, reflected most gratifying standards of morality, showing how far had penetrated the Christian teachings as to life and conduct; the students responsible for this worthy action of punishment were for the most part Moslem boys. A fourth and last ground for satisfaction is a spirit of religious inquiry manifesting itself among several Moslem students.

The School of Oriental Studies

The new methods in the School of Oriental Studies have been a distinct improvement over the old way of learning the Arabic language. In the old method, the missionaries studied in their rooms, often under untried and untrained sheikhs, too frequently with no scientific method of approach to the new language and above all they were isolated and alone during those initial years when homesickness and discouragement so greatly assail the new missionary. In the S. O. S. of today, these young missionaries meet, eighty-five strong; loneliness is dissipated; they study under tried teachers, with constant supervision, with a scientific and phonetic approach to the Arabic and in a building which has conveniences and a "homeyness" which greatly contribute to efficiency.

University Extension Work

The most outstanding item in the University Extension activities of the past year was the repeated exhibition of a biological film, "The Gift of Life." The story of its exhibition to students of the Azhar, the great Moslem University, has already been given publicity in our own literature and in an article published by the Journal of Social Hygiene (April 1925). I would call attention, however, to the very great service rendered to the University in the direction of publicity by the repeated exhibition of this film to students of 15 boys' schools and 12 girls' schools. As these 4171 students visited the University campus and actually entered our buildings, they gained an acquaintance with and a favorable impression concerning the institution which we may well believe will be of great value for the future.

Students' Hall

Among the most important values of the opening of Students' Hall are the more intimate contacts made possible with the students residing there, the richer Christian influences which a boarding department make possible especially on Sundays, and the possibility of soliciting students from outlying towns. I can testify to a deep conviction gained during the year as Sunday after Sunday I sought to give to them the richest messages I possessed out of my Christian faith and experience: it was that through Students' Hall as never before in the history of our institution the opportunity was afforded to touch life in a natural, wholesome and uplifting way. It is to be recognized that the initial cost of Students' Hall is being carried by the grant of the German Property Committee. We have yet to prove that such residential establishments can be made to pay their own way, so as to permit an indefinite duplication of them.

Nationalism

The old nationalistic spirit seems to have died down. By this, I mean the influence of such men of the people as Zaghloul Pasha. On the other hand, the King and his favorites seem firmly in the saddle. In a way the former movement represented a purer idealism and a more democratic spirit, but it proved unreliable and irresponsible. It proved its own undoing and now authority and power seem to have reverted to the King and his chosen circle. The King is progressive; his whole education is European. He can be counted upon to push European conceptions and methods in so far as it is politic for him to do so. The danger is that he will merely adopt European patterns for Egypt's life and that Egypt will reflect European life increasingly instead of embarking on a career of true self-determination, genuinely adapted to her own nature and conditions.

SEEING THE UNIVERSITY AT FIRST HAND

Thousands of sightseers visit Cairo each year during the tourist season from January 1st to April 1st. A large percentage of this group are Americans, and among them are men and women who are interested in seeing at first hand an American Christian institution at work in a Moslem country. During the past winter some 300 tourists signed their names in the University's visitors' book, while more than that number visited the University whose names are not recorded.

CRUISES VISITING CAIRO, EGYPT, 1925-26.

If you have friends taking any of these tours, write us about them, using the attached form. We may be able to help them to get more out of the trip than is possible to the average tourist.

<u>Steamer</u>	<u>Auspices</u>	<u>Cruise</u>	<u>Leave N.Y.</u>	<u>Arrive Cairo</u>
Corinthia	Raymond-Whitcomb	Round World	October 10	February 18
Belgenland	Red Star & Amer.Ex.	" "	November 25	March 13
Empress of Scotland	Canadian Pacific	" "	December 3	December 30
Adriatic	White Star	Mediterranean	January 7	January 30
Franconia	Thomas Cook	Round World	January 14	February 4-9
Lapland	White Star	Mediterranean	January 16	February 8
Laconia	Clark	Round World	January 20	May 4
Resolute	United Amer. Line	Round World	January 21	May 2
Homeric	Thomas Cook	Mediterranean	January 23	February 20
Scythia	Frank	"	January 26	February 18
Samaria	Raymond-Whitcomb	"	January 28	February 21
Transylvania	Clark	"	January 30	March 3
Rotterdam	Holland American & American Express	"	February 2	March 8
Adriatic	White Star	"	February 25	March 21
Lapland	Red Star	"	March 6	March 31

H. A. Lum
1120 Land Title Building
Philadelphia, Pa.
Dear Sir:-

A friend of mine is sailing on the _____ on _____
(Steamer) (Date)

His name is _____

Address _____

I am giving him a letter of introduction to Dr. Charles R. Watson, President of the American University at Cairo. Any courtesies which you can extend to him will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

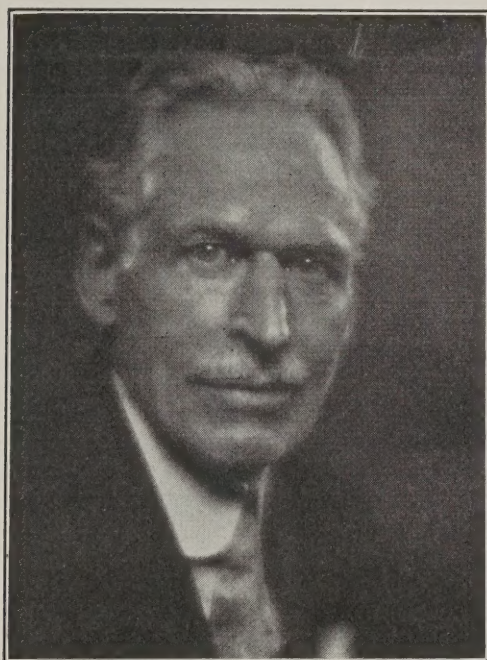
_____(Signature)

Use the other side for remarks or additional names.

This whole situation offers an excellent opportunity for one to be of service to Cairo University and to those friends who will be taking one of these cruises this winter. Perhaps a glimpse of a Christian institution may prove a distinct influence in the life of the individual. One tourist last winter turned at the gate to thank Dr. Watson for having saved him from complete pessimism. As a tourist he had been seeing nothing but the complicated problems of Egypt. His half hour on the University campus had revealed to him the constructive forces that are at work and the power of the Christian Gospel to grapple even with Islam.

If your friends are planning to visit Egypt, the best plan is to give them a letter of introduction to President Charles R. Watson and at the same time send to the Philadelphia office of the University the friend's name and the name of the steamer and its sailing date, using the enclosed form which has been prepared for this purpose.

The past year has been marked by severe losses in the ranks of the Board of Trustees of the American University at Cairo. As has been noted in a previous Bulletin, Secretary Henry C. Wallace passed away on the day of the Trustees' Annual Meeting in October 1924.



W. S. GEORGE



DAVID C. WILLS

During the past spring another faithful and generous friend was lost through the death of Mr. W. S. George of East Palestine, Ohio.

Now comes the word of the death of Mr. David C. Wills of Cleveland, Ohio, a loyal friend and ardent worker for the University cause.

Mr. W. S. George was President of the W. S. George Pottery Company of East Palestine, Ohio. He was always seriously impressed with the fact that he was a steward of the funds that God had given him. In 1922 he went to Cairo and saw the work of the University for himself. Soon after his return he agreed to contribute \$50,000 for enlargement of the University's work. His going takes from the University a most generous friend but far more than this is felt the loss of a loyal friend and a sincere follower of the Master.

The tributes which have been paid to our beloved friend and Trustee, Mr. David C. Wills, "have been called forth not so much because of the fact that he held a responsible position at the head of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, as because of the fine type of manhood which he exemplified." "Friendliness and willingness to help; unselfishness and giving of himself to causes vital to community welfare" are recorded in the Cleveland Plain Dealer as "outstanding characteristics." "His death ends a local career which for its helpfulness and power in the brief period of only ten years is without parallel," says another Cleveland paper. The Press concludes a very cordial article with these words "Together with his ability as a great organizer and banker, he was a hard-working, old-fashioned man who believed in God."

NEW COLLEGE PASTOR AND DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



MR. & MRS. ERDMAN HARRIS

One of the most important positions in the Christian college of today is the College Pastor because he has the chance to mould the spiritual life of the whole institution. Cairo University has recently added to its staff a College Pastor whose personality, whose training, and whose experience make him especially well fitted for this position.

Mr. Erdman Harris of Sewickley, Pa., is the man who has been selected for this important post. During the past five years he has become widely known as a speaker and a leader in the religious life of the preparatory schools and colleges in the East. Many a college man has been impressed with his straight-forward Christian message and the contagion of his Christian character.

Mr. Harris was graduated from Princeton in 1920, taught for a year at the Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, Conn., studied a year of theology at Edinburgh University, Scotland, and returned to this country in 1923 to become secretary of the Student Y. M. C. A. at Princeton.

After two years of further study at Union and Columbia in New York, he became an ordained minister in the spring of 1925. He was married to Miss Harriette Pope of Cleveland, Ohio, in May and sailed with his bride in September to take up his new work in the American University at Cairo.

AMONG THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS

"While it is true that we honor athletic ability, yet above all else we emphasize strong moral character," said a student officer of the A. U. C. Club in addressing this organization of the University's athletes. "It is our function not only to promote athletics but also to protect them. Open the door to athletes of good moral character, but shut it in the face of those whose only qualification is physical strength. They would soon ruin that confidence which the A. U. C. Club has gained through the past five years."

All of Dr. Watson's friends will be pleased to learn that Mrs. Watson has recovered her health sufficiently to return to Egypt. Dr. and Mrs. Watson and their four children are together again for the first time in two years.

Dr. R. S. McClenahan, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, sailed for Egypt in August after spending his year of furlough in America. The McClenahan family made their home in Philadelphia where all four of their children were enrolled in college or school. They returned to Egypt leaving all of their children here in America with the exception of the youngest son.

The British foreign missionary circles invited Mr. Arthur Jeffery to spend the summer in England speaking on the general subject of Mohammedanism. Mr. Jeffery addressed a great many church and student gatherings in various parts of England during the months of July and August.

Mr. Russell Galt, Registrar, and for the past year Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, is home on furlough



PROFESSOR JOSEPH F. LEETE AND MILIHY BEY, who is a member of the Egyptian Parliament and the father of two of our students.

at the present time. He is living at Ventnor, N. J., and taking graduate work at Teachers College, Columbia University, N. Y.

A letter from an Egyptian friend who is a close student of the political situation has this to say, "Those who want to see Egypt in peace and quietude are well pleased with conditions as they are under the present regime. Those who would like to see Egypt struggling for liberty and independence at any cost lament the present state of affairs. It is safe to say that public opinion among the Egyptians is about evenly divided."

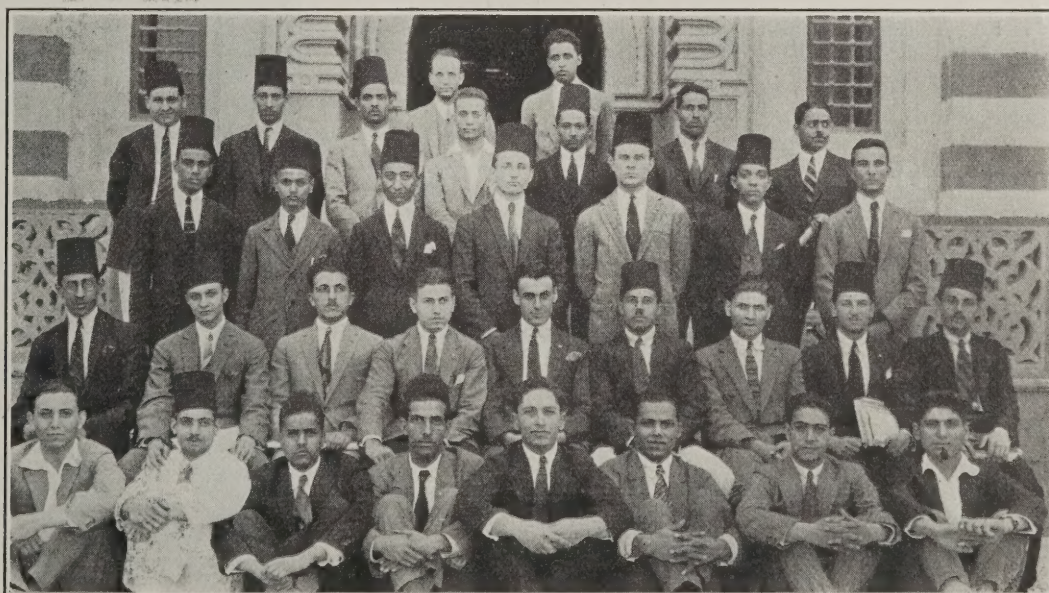
Another of the University's Trustees paid a visit to Egypt during the past year. Mr. R. J. Dodds of Pittsburgh was in Cairo for several days during the month of August. Mr. Dodds' report of a most comfortable stay in Cairo in the middle of the summer should prove encouraging to those who have put off making the trip to Egypt because they are unable to be away during the winter season.

EGYPTIAN STUDENTS IN AMERICA

"The best athlete in Egypt now enrolled at Penn State," ran the headlines in the leading metropolitan newspapers a few weeks ago. This might be a slight exaggeration, but Mousa Serry the Captain of the American University at Cairo foot-ball team has enrolled as a student in Mechanical Engineering at Pennsylvania State College. He is not only a good athlete, but a man of splendid character and pleasing personality.

There are six other Cairo University students who have entered American colleges for special study in such subjects as Architecture, Agriculture, Law, Medicine, and Engineering. Two of these men, Hussein Foda and A. Milihy, have fathers who are members of the Egyptian Parliament. Another, Salah Awad, a post-graduate student at Princeton University, is the son of the editor of a Cairo newspaper. These last three are sons of Beys (Egyptian nobility).

According to an authority, Mr. Charles D. Hurrey of the Friendly Relations Committee of the Y. M. C. A., "There are more Chinese students who come to America Christian and return non-believers than there are non-believers who become Christians." In spite of this, it is our hope that the Egyptian young men who have come here may get a true conception of American Christianity and continue to follow the investigations into the Christian religion which were started in Cairo.



THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 1925



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ALLAHU AKBAR! (God is most great)

The visitor to Egypt is always fascinated by the Mohammedan call to prayer. Instead of church bells, the matchless human voice is used by Moslems to call the faithful to their devotions. Five times a day the call rings out; at daybreak, at noon, at mid-afternoon, at sunset, and at night-fall. At these times the muezzins or callers ascend the minarets of a thousand and one mosques, and in tones plaintive and weird, yet solemn and reverent, chant:

"God is most great. (repeated four times)

I can testify that there is no god but Allah. (repeated twice)

I testify that Mohammed is God's apostle. (repeated twice)

Come to prayer. (repeated twice)

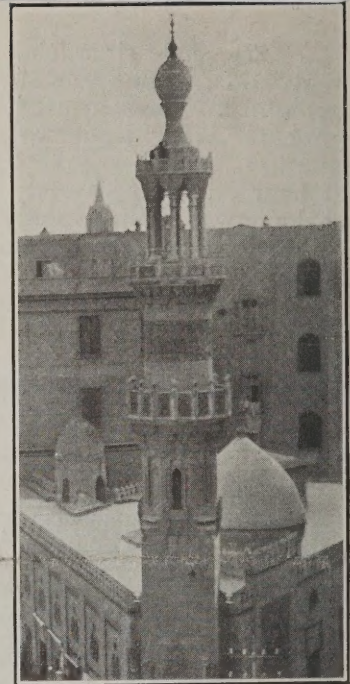
Come to security. (repeated twice)

There is no god but Allah."

Since repetition is one of the laws of learning, it is easily seen why Moslems are sure that there is only one God, and Mohammed is his prophet.

At times one will see a brick-layer cease his work and go through the prayer with its ceremonial kneeling and bowing, perched on the brick wall high above the street. Occasionally, others in traveling will get off the train and start their prayers while the train is at the station. It is a common sight to see the servants along the streets or in the court-yards saying their prayers utterly oblivious to everything that is going on around them.

Even though modern conditions have caused a certain curtailing of the custom, it is always a challenge to the Western Christian to see these followers of Mohammed kneel in public and offer prayers to the God in whom they believe.



THE CALL TO PRAYER

The figure of the Muezzin can be distinguished near the top of the minaret.

A SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL YEAR

What a satisfaction to be able to report that on June 30, 1925, another financial year closed with all bills paid and a small balance in the bank! It was the last minute gifts which came in response to Dr. Watson's circular letter, that made this record possible. The Trustees and Dr. Watson appreciate this splendid cooperation and desire to express their thanks for the faithful prayers and the generous gifts of all who shared in the year's work.

**THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AT CAIRO
BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR 1924-25**

June 30, 1925

CURRENT ASSETS		CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Cash in Bank	\$ 14,682.78	Annuity Interest Payable	\$ 50.00
Accounts Receivable	350.00	Accrued Interest on Loans	827.79
Accrued Interest on Investments	87.50	Contingent Fund	2,000.00
		Special Funds	4,350.17
		Available for 1925-26	7,892.32
	<u>\$ 15,120.28</u>		<u>\$ 15,120.28</u>
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT			
Bonds—Pledged	\$17,898.85	Weyerhauser Endowment Fund	\$ 75,002.18
“ Free	98,304.89	A. J. Brown Mem'l. Scholarship Fund...	1,020.26
	<u>\$116,203.74</u>	McKinney Library Fund	10,000.00
Stocks	960.75	John S. Wallace Scholarship Fund....	1,000.00
Real Estate	9,550.00	Wm. Wallace Scholarship Fund	454.16
		General Endowment Fund	20,262.50
		Annuities	7,500.00
		Excess Investment Assets	11,475.39
	<u>\$126,714.49</u>		<u>\$126,714.49</u>
EDUCATIONAL PLANT ACCOUNT			
Educational Plant:		Loans Payable	\$ 33,000.00
Land, Buildings and Equipment at		Net Equity:	
Cairo, at book value June 30, 1925....	\$401,444.43	Balance 6-30-24	\$361,080.99
		Add additions and Improve-	
		ments for year, deduct-	
		ing depreciation	363.44
		Loan cancelled	7,000.00
			<u>\$368,444.43</u>
	<u>\$401,444.43</u>		<u>\$401,444.43</u>